



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICE
PORTLAND AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE
PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT
PORTLAND AREA IHS IS A SMOKE FREE AGENCY**

Preference in filling vacancies is given to qualified Native American Indian candidates in accordance with the INDIAN PREFERENCE ACT, TITLE 25, US CODE, SECTION 472 & 473. In other than the above, the Indian Health Service is an Equal Opportunity Employer and all qualified candidates will receive consideration without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, marital status, age, religion, labor organization affiliation, physical handicap, political affiliation, or sexual orientation.

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: PO-06-63

OPEN DATE: April 11, 2006
CLOSE DATE: September 30, 2006 – First Roster issued after April 24, 2006

POSITION TITLE/SERIES/GRADE: Pharmacy Technician, GS-661-3/4/5

STARTING SALARY: GS-3: \$22,572-\$29,346 GS-4: \$25,338-\$32,944 GS-5: \$28,349-\$36,856

LOCATION: Warm Springs Service Unit, Warm Springs, OR

APPOINTMENT/WORK SCHEDULE: Temporary Intermittent NTE 1 year

PROMOTION POTENTIAL: No

SUPERVISORY/MANAGERIAL: No

RELOCATION EXPENSES: No

AREA OF CONSIDERATION: Commuting Area

WHO MAY APPLY:

- Excepted Service Examining Plan Candidates (ESEP) – Individuals entitled to Indian Preference who wish to be considered for excepted appointment in IHS, under authority of 5 CFR, Part 213, Schedule A 213.3116(B)(8).
- Merit Promotion Plan Candidates (MPP) – Current permanent competitive Federal status employees, reinstatement eligibles, and current IHS Indian Preference individuals and/or individuals who are eligible for excepted appointment in IHS under some other authority (e.g., handicapped authority, etc).
- Veteran's Preference – Veterans who are preference eligibles or who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after 3 years or more of continuous active service may apply. Disabled veteran's with 30% or more disability are encouraged to apply.

NOTE: Indian Preference candidates who are currently on career conditional or career appointments or who are eligible for reinstatement must indicate on their application if they wish to be considered under the Merit Promotion Plan or the Excepted Service Examining Plan or both. If they do not, their application will be considered only under the Merit Promotion Plan. (Indian Preference candidates are persons who are enrolled in a federally recognized tribe as defined by the Secretary of the Interior, and who submit a properly completed and signed BIA-4432 form).

JOB DESCRIPTION: Reviews active drug stocks in the outpatient pharmacy then restocks the pharmacy from the storeroom stock. Checks stock levels and prepares the pharmacy monthly order from the Portland warehouse, as well prepares orders for open market sources using appropriate purchasing guidelines. Receives monthly drug supplies from Portland warehouse as well as from open market sources and places drugs into active stock and notifies pharmacists of delayed shipments, partial receipts or similar events that affect drug stocks. Inspects drug stocks periodically to ensure that all items are fit for use; removes expired or otherwise unusable drugs from active/inactive storage areas. Fills drug requisitions from outreach programs, dental program, WIC program and nursing services. Repackages drugs from bulk stocks and prescription sizes; maintains control logs as required for quality control; and prepares labels for prepacks using pharmacy computer program. Assists the pharmacists in patient care activities by typing prescription labels, filling medication bottles and labeling them prior to inspection by the pharmacist. Records prescription refills and dispensing of over-the-counter drugs into the patient's medical records; records information used for drug utilization reviews and quality assurance reports. Explains pharmacy policies and prescription directions to patients as necessary. Maintains pharmacy and medical library drug references, filling updates and distributing copies to appropriate individuals.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Applicants must have the following type of experience in the amounts indicated.

GS-3: 6 months of general experience **OR** 1 year above high school with course(s) related to the occupation, if required.

GS-4: 6 months of general experience and 6 months of specialized experience **OR** 2 years above high school with course(s) related to the occupation, if required.

GS-5: 1 year of specialized experience equivalent to at least GS-4 **OR** 4-year course of study above high school leading to a bachelor's degree with course(s) related to the occupations, if required.

General experience is any type of work that demonstrates the applicant's ability to perform the work of the position or experience that provided a familiarity with the subject matter or processes of the broad subject area of this position.

Specialized experience (for GS-4 and above) is qualified experience that may have been gained in hospital pharmacies, retail pharmacies, or in pharmaceutical firms or laboratories. Experience must have provided a basic knowledge of:

- Pharmaceutical nomenclature.
- Characteristics, strengths, and dosage forms of pharmaceuticals.
- Pharmaceutical systems of weights and measures, and the
- Variety of procedures and techniques involved in the care, storage, repackaging, bulk compounding, and distribution of pharmaceuticals.

OR

Education and training:

For GS-3: Successful completion of 1 year of study that included a course in biology, chemistry, or physics.

For GS-4: Successful completion of 2 years of study in pharmacy or pharmacy technology that included at least 12 semester hours in courses in the care, storage, distribution, and preparation of pharmaceuticals and appropriate laboratory work.

For GS-5: Successful completion of a full 4-year course of study leading to a bachelor's degree with major study in pharmacy, or that included at least 24 semester hours in pharmacy-related courses.

Successful completion of a course for medical technicians, hospital corpsmen, medical services specialists, or hospital training obtained in a training program given by the armed forces or the U.S. Maritime Service under close medical and professional supervision is creditable on a month-for-month basis for general experience.

Successful completion of pertinent specialized training courses in pharmaceutical and pharmacy practices while serving in the Armed Forces I is creditable on a month-for-month basis up to the 1 year of specialized experience required for GS-5.

Combining Education and Experience: When an applicant has less than the required experience as described above, he/she may combine successfully completed (above high school) education with experience to meet the total qualification requirements. In such cases, applicants are advised to submit their transcripts.

METHOD OF EVALUATION: Evaluation is made on the basis of appropriate education, experience, performance appraisals, training, self-development, outside activities, special awards, experience related to tribal communities and projects, and also on the information provided in the applicant's responses to the following Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities.

Element 1: Ability to be accurate

This includes the ability to give close attention to detail in record keeping, repackaging, filing and labeling, ordering in the pharmacy.

Element 2: Ability to comprehend written material.

To include the knowledge of pharmacy policies and procedures. Good reading and writing skills due to necessity of reading different professional hand writing, drug labels, chart entries, manufacturer catalogs and policy manuals. This also includes the ability to learn medical and pharmaceutical terms.

Element 3: Ability to communicate orally

Ability to communicate with a wide range of people including health professionals and patients. Ability to express oneself in a clear, logical and objective manner, both in person and by telephone. Ability to direct patients and clientele to appropriate personnel or departments.

Element 4: Ability to maintain security of confidential information.

The person in this position will have access to a variety of sensitive medical information in the clinic setting and should have the ability to recognize and apply strict confidentiality rules.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

1. Selectee(s) are required to be immunized against Measles and Rubella and provide medical documentation prior to or at the time of their start date. Special consideration may be allowed to individuals who are allergic to a component of the vaccine or are currently pregnant.
2. Selectee(s) are required to complete a Security Questionnaire and Fingerprint Chart for investigative purposes under PL 101-630 Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act. Persons, who have been arrested for or charged with a crime involving a child, or violent crime against a person, are not eligible for employment with IHS under PL 101-630.
3. Selectee(s) are required to complete a "Declaration of Federal Employment - Optional Form 306" to determine your suitability for Federal employment, and to certify the accuracy of all the information in your application. Persons making false statements in any part of the application may not be hired; or fired after employment starts; or may be fined.
4. Males born after December 31, 1959 are required to be registered with the Selective Service System in order to be eligible for employment with the Federal Government.
5. Selectee(s) are required to have a viable bank account at a financial institution for electronic direct deposit of salary payment.
6. This service unit operated under extended service hours until 7:00 pm Monday thru Thursday.

TIME IN GRADE: Federal status applicants must have completed at least 1 year of service in a position no more than one grade lower than the position to be filled. If selected under the Excepted Service Examining Plan, individuals may be appointed without regard to time-in-grade requirements.

LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS: Federal status applicants must meet time-after competitive appointment, time-in-grade, and qualification requirements within 30 calendar days after the closing date of the vacancy announcement.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION:

The Indian Health Service provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the Human Resource Specialist named below. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis.

HOW TO APPLY/REQUIRED FORMS:

1. Applicants may use one of the following to apply: (1) OF-612 Optional Application for Federal Employment, **or** (2) Resume (see requirements in **Attachment A**).
2. If claiming Indian Preference, BIA Form 4432 "Verification of Indian Preference for Employment in BIA and IHS".
3. If claiming Veteran's Preference, copy of DD-214 Form, and SF-15 if claiming 10 point Veteran's Preference.
4. Copy of latest Personnel Action (SF-50), if a current or former Federal employee, and/or if requesting Reinstatement Eligibility.
5. Copy of most recent performance appraisal, if a current Federal employee.
6. Completed Optional Form 306 (form attached)
7. Written Responses to the Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (OPTIONAL ~ failure to submit may result in an ineligible rating or substantially lower score).

Application and required forms must be identified by this announcement number and submitted to the address below:

**Portland Area Indian Health Service
Attn: Personnel Department
1220 SW Third Avenue Room 476
Portland, OR 97204**

**Karen Oxendine, Human Resource Specialist
Phone: (503) 326-3020
Fax: (503) 326-5787**

All submitted materials are subject to retention by this office. You should duplicate and retain copies, since requests for copies will not be honored. Additional information regarding Federal job openings can be obtained at www.usajobs.com or check the IHS Website at www.ihs.gov. All documents are subject to the provisions of the Privacy Act (PL 93-579) and become the property of DHHS.

Additional selections of candidates may be possible within 90 days from the date the certificate of eligibles is issued for this announcement, for filling additional or similar positions.

Personnel Officer: _____

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT A

Resume Requirements - Your resume or other application format **must** contain the following information to allow for qualification determination. ***Failure to submit a complete application may result in your application not being considered for this position.***

1. **Job Information** (announcement number, title and grade(s) of the job you are applying for).
2. **Personal Information**
 - Full Name (first, middle, last ~ include other names used, i.e., maiden name)
 - Mailing Address
 - Phone Number you can be reached at.
 - Email Address (if applicable)
 - Social Security Number
 - Country of Citizenship (U.S. citizenship required)
3. **Education:** list high school and colleges attended, type of degrees (list major) received, date of degree conferred, city and state of school. ***If no degree received, please document the number of credit hours you possess.***
4. **Work Experience:** (include non-paid work as well as paid)
 - Job Title (if Federal employment, indicate series and grade)
 - Duties and Accomplishments
 - Employer's name and address
 - Supervisor's name and phone number
 - Starting and ending dates of employment (month/year)
 - Hours of work per week
 - Salary
 - Indicate if you do not want us to contact your current supervisor (if not specified, it will be assumed that we may do so)
5. **Other Qualifications**
 - List job related training (title, year obtained, hours of training)
 - Honors or awards received
 - License or certificates obtained (submit with application)
 - Special accomplishments (i.e., publications, memberships, leadership and community recognition, etc)

COMMON OMISSIONS – from applicants

1. ***No transcript or copy of diploma. If you are substituting education for experience you must include a copy of your transcripts/list of courses OR copy of your diploma.***
2. ***Missing starting and ending dates of employment (month/year).***
3. ***Missing total number of hours worked per week.***
4. ***Missing OF-306***
5. ***Missing Selective Service form***
6. ***Missing BIA form 4432 (if claiming Indian Preference)***

ATTACHMENT B

Special Instructions for Surplus or Displaced Employees

1. You may be eligible for special selection priority consideration under the Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP) if you are a current career or career-conditional (tenure group I or II) employee of the DHHS Agency at the GS-15 grade level or below or equivalent, and who has received a specific RIF separation notice or a Certificate of Expected Separation indicating your job is surplus, or notice of removal for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function outside the local commuting area. To qualify for special selection priority consideration under CTAP you **MUST** also meet the criteria shown in paragraph 3 below.
2. You may be eligible for special selection priority consideration under the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program (ICTAP) if you are a current or former career-conditional (tenure group I or II) employee of any agency in the competitive service at the GS-15 grade level or below or equivalent, who has received a specific RIF separation notice or a notice of proposed removal for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function outside the local commuting area. You may also be eligible if you were separated because of a compensable injury and your compensation has been terminated; or you retired with a disability and your disability annuity has been or is being terminated; or you were in receipt of a RIF separation notice and retired on the effective date of the RIF or under discontinued service; or you are a former Military Reserve Technician or National Guard Technician who is receiving a special disability retirement annuity from OPM. To qualify for special selection priority consideration under ICTAP you **MUST** also meet the criteria shown in paragraph 3 below.
3. To qualify for special selection priority consideration under CTAP or ICTAP for this vacancy, you **MUST** also meet **ALL** of the following:
 - (a) Have a current or last performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent. A copy **MUST** be submitted with your application package. (Note: this requirement does not apply to candidates who are eligible due to compensable injury or disability retirement).
 - (b) Be applying for a position at or below the grade level from which you will be, or have been separated, and which does not have a greater promotion potential than the position from which you will be, or have been separated.
 - (c) Occupy or be displaced from a position in the same local commuting area of the position for which you are requesting priority consideration.
 - (d) File your application by the vacancy announcement closing date and meet all the applicable criteria. Your application **MUST** include **ALL** documents that support your claim of eligibility for priority consideration – RIF separation notice, or notice of proposed removal for declining a directed reassignment or transfer of function to another commuting area; SF-50 Notification of Personnel Action, showing that they were separated as a result of RIF, or for declining a transfer of function or directed reassignment to another commuting area; official certification from an agency stating that it cannot place an individual whose injury compensation has been or is being terminated; official notification from OPM that an individual's disability annuity has been or is being terminated; or official notification from the Military Department or National Guard Bureau that the employee has retired under 5 USC 8337(h) or 8456.
 - (e) Be rated "well qualified" for this position. A numerical rating of 85 is considered to be well qualified for this position.

OF-306
Declaration for Federal Employment

Form Approved: September 1994 - US Office of Personnel Management - OMB No. 3206-01827775 NSN 7540-01-368-5306-101

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. FULL NAME: _____ 2. SS NUMBER: _____
3. PLACE OF BIRTH: _____ 4. DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YY): _____
5. OTHER NAMES EVER USED (for example, maiden name, nickname, etc.): _____
6. PHONE (include area codes) Day: _____ Night: _____

MILITARY SERVICE:

7. Have you served in the United States Military Service? If your only active duty was training in the Reserves or National Guard, answer "No."
Yes _____ No _____

If you answered "Yes," list the branch, dates (MM/DD/YY), and type of discharge for all active duty military service.

BRANCH: _____

FROM _____ TO: _____

TYPE OF DISCHARGE: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

For all questions, provide all additional information requested information under item 15 or on attached sheets. The circumstances of each event you list will be considered. However, in most cases you can still be considered for Federal jobs.

For questions 8, 9 and 10, your answers should include convictions resulting from a plea of nolo contendere (no contest). But omit (1) traffic fines of \$300 or less, (2) any violation of law committed before your 16th birthday, (3) any violation of law committed before your 18th birthday if finally decided in juvenile court or under a Youth Offender law, (4) and conviction set aside under the Federal Youth Corrections Act or similar State Law, and (5) any conviction whose record was expunged under Federal or State law.

8. During the last 10 years, have you been convicted, been imprisoned, been on probation, or been on parole? (Includes felonies, firearms or explosives violations, misdemeanors, and all other offenses.) If "Yes," use item 15 to provide the date, explanation of the violation, place of occurrence, and the name and address of the police department or court involved.
Yes { } No { }
9. Have you been convicted by a military court-martial in the past 10 years? (If no military service, answer "No.") If "Yes," use item 15 to provide the date, explanation of the violation, place of occurrence, and the name and address of the military authority or court involved.
Yes { } No { }
10. Are you now under charges for any violation of law? If "Yes," use item 15 to provide the date, explanation of the violation, place of occurrence, and the name and address of the police department or court involved.
Yes { } No { }
11. During the last 5 years, were you fired from any job for any reason, did you quit after being told that you would be fired, did you leave any job by mutual agreement because of specific problems, or were you barred from Federal employment by the Office of Personnel Management? If "Yes," use item 15 to provide the date, an explanation of the problem and reason for leaving, and the employer's name and address.
Yes { } No { }
12. Are you delinquent in any Federal debt? (Includes delinquencies arising from Federal taxes, loans, overpayment of benefits, and other debts to the U.S. Government, plus defaults of Federally guaranteed or insured loans such as student and home mortgage loans.) If "Yes," use item 15 to provide the type, length, and amount of the delinquency or default, and steps that you are taking to correct the error or repay the debt.
Yes { } No { }

CONTINUATION SPACE/AGENCY OPTIONAL QUESTIONS
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

13. Do any of your relatives work for the agency or organization to which you are submitting this form? (Includes father, mother, husband, wife, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, and half sister.) If "Yes," use item 15 to provide the name, relationship, and the Department, Agency, or Branch of the Armed Forces for which your relative works.
Yes { } No { }
14. Do you receive, or have you ever applied for, retirement pay, pension, or other pay based military, Federal, civilian, or District of Columbia Government service?
Yes { } No { }
15. Provide details requested in items 8 through 13 and 17c in the continuation space below or on attached sheets. Be sure to identify attached sheets with your name, social security number, and item number, and the include Zip codes in all addresses. If any questions are printed below, please answer as instructed (these questions are specific to your position, and your agency is authorized to ask them).

CERTIFICATIONS/ADDITIONAL QUESTION

APPLICANT: If you are applying for a position and have not yet been selected, carefully review your answers on this form and any attached sheets. When this form and all attached materials are accurate, complete item 16/16a.

APPOINTEE: If you are being appointed, carefully review your answers on this form and any attached sheets, including any other application materials that your agency has attached to this form. If any information requires correction to be accurate as of the date you are signing, make changes on this form or the attachments and/or provide updated information on additional sheets, initialing and dating all changes and additions. When this form and all attached materials are accurate, complete item 16/16b and answer item 17.

13. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information on and attached to this Declaration for Federal Employment, including any attached application materials, is true, correct, complete, and made in good faith. I understand that a false or fraudulent answer to any question on any part of this declaration or its attachments may be grounds for not hiring me, or for firing me after I begin work, and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment, I understand that any information I give may be investigated for purposes of determining eligibility for Federal employment as allowed by law or Presidential order. I consent to the release of information about my ability and fitness for Federal employment by employers, schools, law enforcement agencies, and other individuals and organizations to investigators, personnel specialists, and other authorized employees of the Federal Government. I understand that for financial or lending institutions, medical institutions, hospitals, health care professionals, and some other sources of information, a separate specific release may be needed, and I may be contacted for such a release at a later date.

16a. Applicant's Signature (sign in ink)

Date

16b. Appointee's Signature (sign in ink)

Date

17. Appointee Only (Respond only if you have been employed by the Federal Government before): Your elections of life insurance during previous Federal employment may affect your eligibility for life insurance during your new appointment. These questions are asked to help your personnel office make a correct determination.

17a. When did you leave your last Federal job? Date: _____

17b. When you worked for the Federal Government the last time, did you waive Basic Life insurance or any type of optional life insurance?

Yes { }

No { }

17c. If you answered "Yes" to item 17b, did you later cancel that waiver(s)? If your answer to item 17c is "No" use item 15 to identify the type(s) of insurance for which waivers were not canceled.

Yes { }

No { }

Addendum to Declaration for Federal Employment (OF 306)
Indian Health Service
Child Care & Indian Child Care Worker Positions

Item 15a. Agency Specific Questions

Name: _____ **Social Security Number:** _____
(Please print)

Job Title in Announcement: _____ **Announcement Number:** _____

Section 231 of the Crime Control Act 1990, Public Law 101-647, requires that employment applications for Federal child care positions contain a question asking whether the individual has ever been arrested for or charged with a crime involving a child and for the disposition of the arrest or charge.

Section 408 of the Miscellaneous Indian Legislation, Public Law 101-630, contains a related requirement for positions in the Department of Health and Human Services that involve regular contact with or control over Indian children. The agency must ensure that persons hired for these positions have not been found guilty of or pleaded nolo contendere or guilty to certain crimes.

To assure compliance with the above laws, the following questions are added to the Declaration for Federal Employment:

- 1) Have you ever been arrested for or charged with a crime involving a child? YES _____ NO _____

*[If **YES** provide the date, explanation of the violation, disposition of the arrest or charge, place of occurrence, and the name and address of the police department or court involved.]*

- 2) Have you ever been found guilty of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere (no contest) or guilty to, any felonious or misdemeanor offense under Federal, State, or tribal law involving crimes of violence; sexual assault, molestation, exploitation, contact or prostitution; or crimes against persons; or offenses committed against children? YES _____ NO _____

*[If **YES** provide the date, explanation of the violation, disposition of the arrest or charge, place of occurrence, and the name address of the police department or court involved.]*

I certify that (1) my response to these questions is made under penalty of perjury, which is punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 or 5 years imprisonment, or both; and (2) I have received notice that a criminal check will be conducted. I understand my right to obtain a copy of any criminal history report made available to the Indian Health Service and my right to challenge the accuracy and completeness of any information contained in the report.

Applicant's Signature (sign in ink)

Date

Public Burden Statement: In accordance with Paperwork Reduction Act (5 CFR 1320.8 (b)(3), a Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Respondents must be informed (on the reporting instrument, in instructions, or in a cover letter) the reasons for which the information will be collected; the way the information will be used to further the proper performance of the functions of the agency; whether responses to the collection of the information are voluntary, required to obtain a benefit (citing authority), or mandatory (citing authority); and the nature and extent of confidentiality to be provided, if any (citing authority). Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the necessary data, and completing and reviewing the collection information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information to the IHS PRA Information Collection Clearance Staff, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 450, Rockville, MD 20852.
Please do not send completed data collection instruments to this address.